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## ADVENT OF PURIM THURSDAY EVE RECALLS HEROIC TALE OF ESTHER AND MORDECAI

Purim, the Festival of Lots, will be observed this year on the 14th day of Adar II, co-inciding with Thursday evening, March 18 and Friday, March 19. The day preceding the Festival is known as the Fast of Esther.

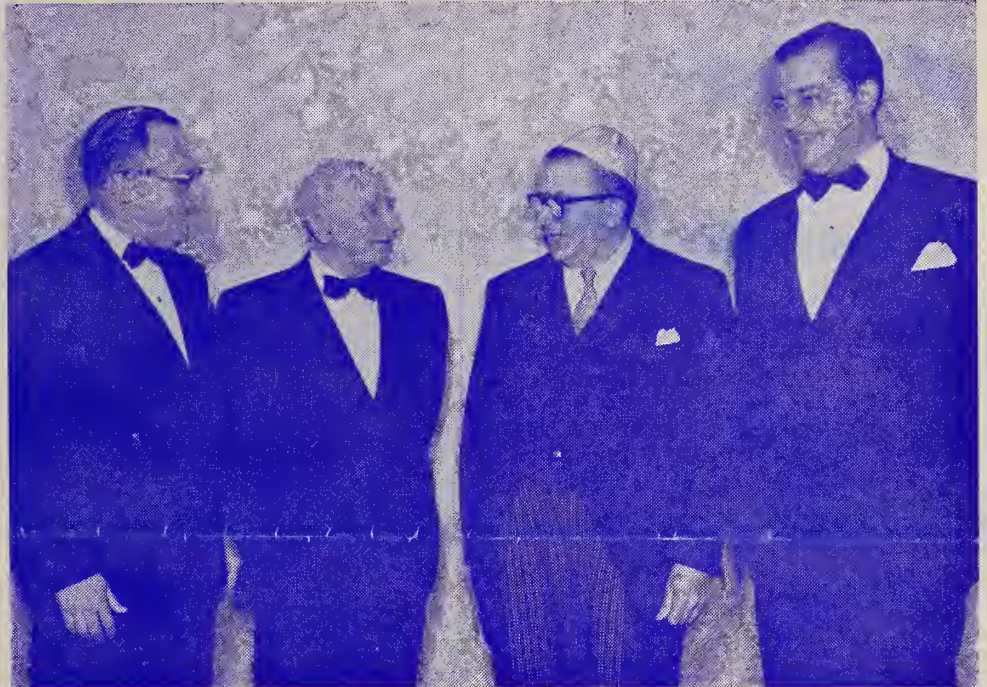
On Thursday evening, March 18, Maariv Services will commence at 6:30 p.m. at Congregations Adath Jeshurun, Agudath Achim, Machzikei Hadath and B'nai Jacob, and at 7:00 p.m. at Congregation Agudath Israel, after which the "Megillat Esther" will be read.

On Friday morning, March 19, Services at Agudath Achim, Machzikei Hadath and B'nai Jacob will begin at 7:00 a.m., while Adath Jeshurun and Agudath Israel will start at 7:30 a.m. The Morning Services will include the reading of the Megillah.

The story recounted in the Scroll of Esther took place during the reign of Ahasuerus of Persia (485-464 B.C.E.) When Queen Vashti refused to obey the order of the king to display her beauty before his noblemen gathered at an elaborate banquet, he deposed her. After a long search for a queen, the king chose Esther, the beautiful cousin of Mordecai, a Jew, to replace Vashti. It happened that Mordecai who sat in the king's courtyard to learn of the well-being of Esther, heard of a plot to kill Ahasuerus. He revealed this to Esther who informed the king. This event was recorded in the royal book of chronicles.

Shortly thereafter, Haman, the favourite minister of Ahasuerus, sought to annihilate the Jews in the kingdom in revenge against Mordecai who because of religious scruples refused to bow down before him. To select the day for destroying the Jews, Haman cast lots (purim) which fell on the thirteenth day of Adar. Hence the name of the festival is Purim.

Haman approached Ahasuerus with the plea: "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from those of every people; neither keep they the king's laws; therefore, it profiteth not the king to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they be destroyed; and I will pay ten



REV. JOSEPH RABIN HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

Shown prior to the testimonial banquet tendered to Rev. Joseph Rabin on March 7 to mark the completion of his 25th year of service to the Adath Jeshurun Congregation are left to right, Samuel Caplan, President, who presided, Isidore Stone, Vice-President, who made the presentation, Rev. Rabin and Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein.

thousand talents of silver into the hands of those that have charge of the king's business, to bring it into the king's treasuries." (Esther 3:8-9)

Neither Haman nor Ahasuerus knew of the relationship of Esther and Mordecai, and so the king readily granted the request for the extermination of the Jews. Orders were published to execute this sinister design on the thirteenth day of Adar.

Mordecai sent a message to Esther asking her to implore Ahasuerus to spare her people. Although it was forbidden for anyone, even the queen, to appear before the king unless summoned, Esther went to him. She implored him to spare the Jewish population and pointed out that she too must die if the edict were carried out. Shocked by this revelation, Ahasuerus reversed the decree and ordered Haman to be hung on the very gallows which Haman had prepared for Mordecai.

The latter now became the Prime Minister. The king caused letters to be sent throughout land that the Jews should prepare to defend themselves on the appointed day. So ably did the Jews protect themselves on the thirteenth of Adar, that the following day was proclaimed "a day of feasting and gladness."

### PASSOVER First Seder Saturday Evening, April 17

Detailed information concerning the observance of Passover will be contained in the Passover issue of this Bulletin. Special attention will be given to the preparations which become necessary by virtue of the fact that the First Seder will be observed on a Saturday evening.



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**1954 SUMMER INSTITUTE  
IN ISRAEL**

An opportunity for work, study and travel in Israel, will be provided for the sixth consecutive season by the Jewish Agency for Palestine in co-operation with the Hebrew University. Canadian students, between the ages of 18 and 35, will be eligible to enroll in the Summer Institute which takes place in Israel during the months of July and August. A unique educational project, the Institute attracted a large number of young Canadians last summer and plans are now being prepared to accommodate twice as many who are expected to register for this year's trip.

Members of the Institute will spend 7 weeks in Israel. Some of this time will be spent on lectures and group discussions. The Hebrew language, Jewish history and Israel's current economic, political and social problems will be dealt with. The Institute will also make an extensive tour of the country. This will feature visits to the Negev, the Galilee, Israel's cities, interesting archaeological sites, religious shrines, modern industrial plants and reclamation projects. There will also be a chance for the participants of this Institute to work in agricultural settlements. This offers an excellent opportunity for Jewish youth to merge for the summer months with the Israelis in their own environmental setting.

The overall cost for this fascinating and creative experience on a non-commercial and non-profit basis will be \$795. This sum includes round-trip passage via plane and boat, with a brief stopover in Europe, tuition, and board and lodging in cities and settlements.

All interested persons can obtain further, more explicit information by writing Israel Summer Institute, 2025 University Street, Montreal, Quebec.

**THREE CROWNS OF GLORY**

(Excerpts from the Silver Jubilee Message of Tribute to Rev. Joseph Rabin delivered by Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Friday evening, March 12, 1954.)

The Tabernacles of old had three objects to which a golden molding in the shape of a crown had to be fastened. These were "Aron" the Ark, (wherein the Tablets of Law were enclosed) the "Shulchan," the Table on which showbread was displayed and the "Mizbayach," the Altar on which sacrifices were offered. These three objects are particularly significant for us this evening when we pay tribute to Rev. Rabin for a quarter of a century of devoted service to our Synagogue and community. Ark, Table and Altar — each is representative of a phase and facet of the life and service of Rev. Rabin.

The Ark was the symbol of the sanctuary. The man we honor this evening has been building a golden crown of glory in the Synagogue of Adath Jeshurun. For 25 years has he devotedly served as the Chazan of our congregation, as an inspired interpreter of the traditional Synagogue Service. He is endowed with a pleasant voice of sweetness and grace to which he has added the pathos and sincerity of a God-fearing man.

In the course of 25 years how many must be the men and women who were lifted from the materialism of everyday existence by the Chazan and given glimpses into the joy of the Sabbath, the spirituality of a Yom-Tov and the sanctity of a Yom Kipur.

Twenty-five years is a long period in the life of an individual. It represents well-nigh one third of an average lifetime and it was bound to bring many changes in the composition of our congregation. It has taken from us a goodly number of stalwart champions and their memory pervades this evening of tribute. Their names are surely recalled most affectionately by Rev. Rabin with mixed emotions in the silent chambers of his heart.

Verily then did Rev. Rabin build a "Zayr Zahav" a crown of glory as Chazan on the Sanctuary, the Synagogue of Adath Jeshurun. Rev. Rabin, however, was more than just a Chazan of the Congregation. He was a force for religious leadership and service in the diversified phases of total community endeavor. He therefore built a crown not only around the Ark but also around the Table. The "Shulchan" the Table on which the showbread of the Temple was displayed is the symbol of the Jewish home and is representative of the personal life of the Jewish family.

Rev. Rabin by his personal conduct as a Shochet and by dint of the sense of organization which he introduced into the Kashrut affairs of the city, by the administrative touch which he proffered to the supervision and control of Kashrut in Ottawa has therefore been largely responsible in establishing the reliability of Kashrut for the Jewish housewife.

The "Table" is also the symbol of the personal lives of the Jewish families of Ottawa. From birth to death, from the commencement of one's life as a Jew to the parting breath of life — around this Shulchan too has he been fashioning a crowning record of service. Through one contact or another whether it be a "bris" or officiating at a Sabbath Bar-Mitzvah Service or chanting his beautiful wedding service at the marriage of your children or alas sounding the plaintive and lugubrious note at the parting of a dear one — in all these ways he has surely touched your lives.

Twenty-five years affords an opportunity for a Chazan to be more than just a religious official. An evening such as this surely revives the spirit of kinship that exists. The years have enabled him to endear himself as a personal friend, solicitous of your welfare, participating in your joys and sharing in your anguish. Verily, he has been building a crown of devoted service around the Shulchan the personal lives of the families.

You recall that the Tabernacles also contained the "Mizbayach" the Altar symbol of sacrifice. I would be remiss were I not to refer to the crown which he is building around the mizbayach, the altar of public service in the community.

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## PURIM

Of all the minor festivals of the Jewish calendar, Purim, more than any other, symbolizes a period of unrestricted joy and good fellowship. Even Succoth, which is entitled the "Season of our Joy", has its serious moments emphasized by special prayers and prescribed rituals in the Synagogue. The celebration of Purim, however, is without any such restraint, allowing free rein to the imagination and the spirit of revelry.

Purim was given over to this light-hearted revelry because it is the only Jewish holiday that commemorates a smashing victory over universal and perennial condemnation of Jews by bigots in every country and every age.

Purim is in a more universal sense, symbolic of the fate of Israel among the nations. It teaches the Jews not to place too great reliance on the good will of the gentile rulers and not to despair in the face of cruel persecution and conditions which seem hopeless and unbearable. Salvation will be secured through faith and the courage to fight for Israel's convictions and belief in the eternal helper of the eternal people. Purim never grows old. In every age, in every clime, the Jew is challenged by Hamans and their ilk. But Purim symbolizes the recurring triumph of Israel over its antagonists. Tyrants and oppressors have come and gone, but Israel and its cultural heritage have survived all onslaughts to flourish once again and attain greater heights.

Purim has particular significance for our own day. Not only Jews, but all persecuted minorities will find in it a ray of light and hope. For all men and all nations must strive to make the world a better place to live in, and a better world can only be achieved by guaranteeing to all folks, everywhere their God-given rights to live and to create and to make their own distinct contributions to the advantage of civilization.

As for those Jews who think they can divorce themselves from their own people and thus find favor in the eyes of others, they would do well to study Haman's decree. Like Hitler, Haman had no differentiation between Jews who were loyal to their faith and Jews who assimilated themselves with their gentile environment. Both Hitler and Haman proclaimed death to all Jews.

Purim grew so close to the Jewish heart that one of the Rabbinic authorities of the latter days affirmed that if all the Torah were conceivably to be forgotten, the Book of Esther would still be retained. Another was so impressed by the message of hope that Purim brought that he maintained that Purim was as great as the day on which the Torah was given on Sinai.



## THREE CROWNS OF GLORY (Continued)

As Joseph of the Bible our Joseph has adopted the same banner of "Ani Yoseph Achichem" — "I am Joseph your brother". Calls come to him to accompany a representative of a Yeshiva for a contribution; to work for Mizrahi, General Zionism, local and overseas campaigns; to leave his home and perform duties as a gabbai of the Chevra Kadisha; to direct the activities of the Chug Ivri (Ottawa's Hebrew Circle); to serve on the National Executive of the "Igud" (Association of Hebrew Educators); to serve for four years as chairman of the Board of Education and as an executive member of the board for 25 years; to organize a Synagogue-Center Choral Society — whenever the clarion call for service was sounded in the community, Rev. Rabin's reply was always "Hineni Shlochan" — "here I am send me". He answered the call to duty without any vacillation or complaint.

The Rabbis tell us that if a man is worthy then his efforts become a diadem of glory. This evening we pay tribute to such a man. We honour Rev. Joseph Rabin who is fashioning three crowns of glory. He is building a crown around the "Aron," the Sanctuary of the Synagogue; around the "Shulchan" the Table — the Jewish home and the personal lives of our families; and finally a crown of indefatigable service on the Mizbayach, on the altar of sacrifice for public welfare.

We pray to the Almighty that He spare our Chazan "Yosef Chayim" for many years in the service of our congregation and community; in the service of our people and our Torah.

May he and his beloved wife, his dear children and grandchildren continue to enjoy the blessings of God, for their happiness and for the welfare of all Israel.



## CONGREGATIONAL JOTTINGS

Lawrence Freiman, Alex Betcherman, Solomon Zelikovitz and Bertram I. Loeb have been named to the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada . . .

Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein will join Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University in installing Rabbi Walter Wurzburger as spiritual leader of the Shaar Hashomayim Congregation in Toronto over the weekend of March 20. While in Toronto, Rabbi Eckstein will also address a Conference of the Religious Labour Zionist Movement . . .

Congratulations are extended to Rabbi Samuel M. Burstein who was recently awarded the Liberation Medal by the Israel Government for having served in their armed forces during the time of hostilities and for having faced enemy fire while a pilot . . .

Rev. Dr. Norman Coll of Parkdale United occupied the pulpit of the Agudath Israel Congregation for the Brotherhood Oneg Shabbat held on February 26. More than 150 were present to hear him speak on the need for renewed faith in God and the importance of transmitting that faith to children through the home atmosphere...

Stanley Sadava, 12 year old son of Mr. and Ms. Sam Sadava placed first in the Junior Piano Solo at the Ottawa Music Festival and was awarded a \$50.00 scholarship . . .

"Turnabout," that farcical novel about the tribulations of a man physically transposed with his wife was given a practical demonstration at the Agudath Israel Men's Club Purim Tea held March 14. Sam Caplan and Henry Bloom literally stole the show with their portrayal of two beguiling females singing and dancing "Tea for Two." The chorus featured in "Some of These Days" included Ben Flesher, Ben Levin, David Mirsky, Arthur Max, Jack Fogel, Al Laporter and Phillip Sugarman. Sol Max produced the show while Mrs. Sol Max provided piano accompaniment. The Agudath Israel Women's Choir led by Cantor David Aptowitz sang several beautiful melodies. Mrs. Samuel M. Burstein was the narrator while Casey Swedlove handled the musical chores . . .

Members of the Machzikei Hadath Congregation held their regular monthly meeting on March 14. Several matters of importance to the Synagogue were discussed . . .

Dr. Marcus A. Weinberger is doing an excellent job as Director of this year's Young People's Sabbath Morning Services held at the Adath Jeshurun Congregation . . .

Recent Sponsors of the B'nai Jacob

Chevra Mishnayos Breakfasts include I. Agulnik, N. Kalin, D. Giusberg and H. Lazarus . . .

Rabbi Eckstein will officiate at the Purim Eve Services at Congregation Machzikei Hadath . . .

One of the highlights at the Testimonial Banquet tendered Rev. Joseph Rabin on March 7 was the polished performance of the Synagogue-Centre Choral Society under the leadership of Rev. Rabin and Laz. Mirsky. Though in existence for little more than a year, the group of almost fifty voices has made excellent progress. We eagerly await a full concert to be held this spring . . .

## TALMUD TORAH PURIM CELEBRATIONS

### Main Branch

Day School pupils attending the Main Branch will celebrate Purim on Thursday, March 18 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Traditional Purim plays in Hebrew and English will be presented and prizes will be awarded for the best masks.

Students of the Talmud Torah will conduct their program of plays and songs from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, after which they will proceed to their respective Synagogues for the reading of the Megillah.

In recent weeks, the youngsters have planted some eighty-five trees in Israel, and are currently raising funds for World Jewish Child's Day.

### West End Branch

Pupils of the Agudath Israel Religious School will hold their Annual Purim Concert on Sunday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

## CANDLE LIGHTING



*"L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbat"*

### SCHEDULE

March 19	5:53 p.m.
March 26	6:01 p.m.
April 2	6:13 p.m.
April 9	6:19 p.m.
April 16	6:30 p.m.

## OTTAWA WOMEN'S ORT

### M. I. T.

(Materials for Israel Training for Ottawa Women's ORT Dress-making School in Tel Aviv)

## SMORGASBORD

### LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31  
at 1:15 p.m.

*Jewish Community Centre*

General Convenor — Mrs. I. Levine, Regional M.I.T. Chairman.

The Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa  
*is pleased to present*

ERICA COHEN, Pianist  
ESTHER HENRY HOCKIN, Soprano  
KEITH DUNN, Clarinetist

in the fourth of the current series of concerts

MONDAY, MARCH 22, AT 8:45 P.M.

*Main Auditorium*

EVERYONE WELCOME



## WELCOME EXTENDED TO NEW CHAZAN



CANTOR FISHEL LUTMAN

Hyman Soloway, Q.C., President of the Agudath Achim Congregation has announced that Cantor Fishel Lutman arrived in Ottawa recently to take up his post as Chazan in that Synagogue.

Popularly known in the United States as the "Young Israeli Cantor," Chazan Lutman was born in Israel, the son of Rabbi Benjamin Lutman of Tiberias. He first showed his budding talent as a lyric tenor at the age of ten in the choir of the famous Josef Rosenblatt. Later he received his professional training at the Seminary of Cantors in Tel Aviv. During the war of liberation, he served in the Israel Army where he furthered his fluency in Arabic.

Cantor Lutman came to the United States some six years ago and since then has occupied positions in Philadelphia, Dayton, Denver and Youngstown.

American-born Betty Lutman graduated from the Pietro Diero Conservatory in New York, after which she appeared in concerts with many well-known singers. She has also performed extensively as a featured soloist and accompanied her husband on radio and television, at charity benefits, concerts and various social affairs.

Members of the Agudath Achim Congregation as well as the community at large greet Cantor and Mrs. Lutman and their young daughter and wish them every success and happiness in their midst.

## M. Z. LITHWICK BEQUEATHS FUNDS TO CENTRE AND U.J.A.

The Synagogue and Jewish Community Centre and the United Jewish Appeal acknowledge with sincere appreciation bequests of \$200.00 each by the late Moses Z. Lithwick.

## SISTERHOOD NOTES

### Adath Jeshurun

The Purim Meeting of the Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood will take place on Wednesday, March 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the Vestry of the Synagogue in the form of a Jam Shower for the Day Nursery and Perley Home. Mrs. Joseph Shmelzer, Mrs. Hyman Gould and Mrs. Herman S. Roodman will participate in the highly enjoyable Purim program which has been arranged.

The Sisterhood will play host to the youngsters attending the Megillah Service on Thursday evening, March 18 at 6:15 p.m. Convenors are Mrs. Nathan Schechter and Mrs. Ben Goldberg.

### Agudath Achim

A musical skit entitled "A Night in Shushan" under the direction of Mrs. Samuel A. Kronick will be featured at the Purim Meeting of the Agudath Achim Sisterhood to be held Wednesday, March 17, at 8:30 p.m., in the Vestry of the Synagogue.

A highly successful Mo'Oss Chittim Tea was held on March 14, proceeds of which will be used to send Passover parcels to needy families in Israel.

### Agudath Israel

The Agudath Israel Sisterhood will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 24 at 1:30 p.m., in the form of a Dessert Luncheon. A Passover program featuring a skit entitled "Passover Fantasy" will be presented, and a model Seder table will be displayed. Election of Officers for the coming term will also be held.

The Agudath Israel Women's Choir, led by Cantor David Aptowitzer, which made an auspicious debut several weeks ago has been invited to participate in programs to be held by two other Synagogue Sisterhoods.

### Machzikei Hadath

A largely attended meeting of the Machzikei Hadath Sisterhood was held on February 24 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Goldenberg. Several important matters including the presentation of kashruth books to brides and improving the facilities of the kitchen were discussed. At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. M. Greenberg, Mrs. J. Gennis, Mrs. L. Klug and Mrs. E. Weiner.

### B'nai Jacob

Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein was the guest speaker at the Purim Meeting of the B'nai Jacob Sisterhood held March 15. An enjoyable program was presented and special refreshments were served.

Mrs. David Radnoff, President of the Sisterhood reports that excellent progress is being made in the remodelling of the vestry kitchen.

## SCHEDULE OF BAR-MITZVAHS TO BE MAINTAINED BY VAAD

In order to facilitate the arrangements which must be made in advance of any Bar-Mitzvah, and to avoid cases of conflict which have occurred in the past, the Rabbinical Committee of the Vaad Ha'ir, in session recently, approved a policy which should prove to be beneficial to all concerned.

The Office of the Vaad Ha'ir will henceforth maintain a Bar-Mitzvah Schedule for the entire community. It will be the responsibility of parents to notify the Vaad Ha'ir as soon as a specific date has been determined by the Talmud Torah or private teacher. This is normally known at least six to nine months in advance of the actual date of the Bar-Mitzvah, and contact should be made with the Vaad at 5-7258 before the youngster actually begins learning his Haftorah.

In the event that the date desired is already taken, an alternate date will be suggested. If the date is free, the Bar-Mitzvah will be noted on the schedule and a confirming letter despatched to the parents. This letter will also suggest that parents immediately contact their Rabbi, their Synagogue and the hall in which the Bar-Mitzvah dinner or reception is to take place.

The co-operation of parents in following this policy is requested.

## NEW RADIO PROGRAM MAKES OTTAWA DEBUT

"Vistas of Israel," a public service broadcast sponsored in this country by the Zionist Organization of Canada is being carried every Sunday in Ottawa from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m. over CKOY.

The broadcasts contain original music from Israel as played and sung by the country's outstanding artists; narrative travelogues describing Israel's historic landmarks; story themes ranging from the Bible to contemporary times and on the scene interviews.

The programs are specifically designed to acquaint listeners with the social, cultural and spiritual growth of the world's youngest democracy against the background of its ancient traditions.

## PASSOVER ISSUE

Organizations are asked to note that any material which they wish to have included in the Passover issue of the Bulletin must be submitted to the Office of the Vaad Ha'ir by noon Friday, April 2, to allow time for editing, printing and mailing.

Due to space limitations, the Editorial Staff cannot guarantee that any or all of the material submitted will be published.



## DAY CAMP PLANS 4th SUCCESSIVE SEASON

The Vaad Ha'ir Day Camp, one of the most popular youth activities to be introduced in recent years, will open its fourth season on Monday, July 5 and continue for six weeks through Friday, August 13.

Three camps will be operated simultaneously this year—Camp Dreidel for 4 and 5 year olds, Camp Shalom for boys and girls 6 and 7 years of age and Camp Adventure for youngsters 8 through 12.

Accommodation in Camp Dreidel is limited to 40 children, 4 and 5 years of age. This youngest group will meet every morning from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Camp Shalom and Camp Adventure will run the full day from 9:00 in the morning to 5:00 in the afternoon.

Calling for the utilization of the Jewish Community Centre and the play areas of the parks and swimming beaches in the city, activities will include supervised swimming and instruction, outings and trips to places of interest and a complete program of crafts, dramatics, singing, folk dancing, games and athletics.

In the development of the program, various aspects of Jewish life and culture will be appealingly presented. A feature of each week's activities is the Friday Oneg Shabbat, when each group presents a program revolving around the Sabbath and participated in by all the campers.

The Day Camp program is geared to provide a happy group experience for the child. Campers work and play with small groups of children their own

age and with similar interests. Youngsters are encouraged to learn new skills and to express themselves through a variety of creative activities.

As in past years, the children will bring their lunches to camp. Milk is provided daily while a snack is served each afternoon. Luncheon suggestions will be sent to parents in due course.

Prospective campers will be required to report for physical examinations prior to the opening of camp, the cost of which is included in the camp fee.

Taxi service to and from the Centre is available at an extra fee to any parents desiring this convenience.

As has been the established policy, Day Camp will be made available to children of families unable to meet the full cost of the camp. Applications are handled in strict confidence.

Samuel I. Wechler will direct the camp, with the assistance of Hyman Stromberg as head counselor. Lillian Stromberg will be in charge of Camp Dreidel.

The Day Camp project is under the supervision of the Youth Committee of the Vaad Ha'ir and Synagogue-Centre of which Morris S. Cohen is chairman. The Camp Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Ralph Berke includes M. Sidney Green, Louis Weiner, Sidney Lithwick, Paul Weiner and Bernard Lesh.

Accommodation is limited, so register early to avoid disappointment.

## NEWS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

### Purim Celebrations

Teenagers 13 through 15 years of age are invited to attend a Purim Ball to be held Saturday, March 20, at 8:00 p.m., in the Games Room of the Jewish Community Centre. Entertainment, refreshments and the selection of a Queen Esther will round out the enjoyable program arranged by the Teen-Nite Club.

Club C.J.Y. and Club 21 will play host at a Queen Esther Ball and Carnival to be held Sunday evening, March 21 at 9:00 p.m. in the Games Room of the Jewish Community Centre. Youth and young adults over the age of 16 will have the opportunity to dance to the music of Benny Greenberg and his Orchestra and to participate in any of the special features planned for the evening.

### Jewish Boys Softball League

Irving Shapero and Norman Torontow were named co-presidents at an organization meeting of the Jewish Boys Softball League held March 4. Joe Liff was re-elected secretary and Herbert Gosewich was elected treasurer.

Joe Liff, Boris Blacher and Joe Osterer will manage the three teams entered in the league. Further details will be announced shortly.

### Day Camp Counselors Wanted

A number of vacancies still exist on this summer's Day Camp staff. Qualified and interested young people are urged to contact Samuel I. Wechsler at 5-7258 for application forms and further details.

### B'not Zion

The B'not Zion Club, a group of 12 and 13 year old girls who meet every Sunday afternoon at the Centre held a successful Tea recently for Mo'Oss Chittim and in support of the Children's Village in Israel. \$110.00 was raised for both projects. Lily Greenberg is the leader of the group.

### Basketball League

John Crafts "Hook Shots" and Herbert Saslove's "Set Shots" will meet on March 17 at the Lisgar Gymnasium for the championship of the Jewish Community Centre's Basketball House League, in a best of three series. The consolation games will be played by teams captained by Arnold Slover and Lionel Tanner.

The league will hold a closing banquet on Thursday evening, April 15 in the Jewish Community Centre. Tickets are available from any of the team captains or from Samuel I. Wechsler.

### VAAD HA'IR DAY CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Camp Dreidel  
4—5

Camp Shalom  
6—7

Camp Adventure  
8—12

Parent's Name

Home Phone

Address

Bus. Phone

Please Enroll:

Date of Birth

Sex      Month      Day      Year

Child's name

Child's name

Child's name

Camp Fees: Camp Dreidel — \$25.00 for six weeks. Camps Shalom and Adventure — \$40.00 for six weeks. A registration fee of \$5.00 must accompany each application and is not refundable. The registration fee will not be applied to total Camp fee. Proof of age must be submitted for four to six year olds.

Fill in and mail today to 151 Chapel Street



## ORGANIZATIONALLY SPEAKING

The week of May 6 to 14 is to be observed as "Israel Independence Week" in Ottawa according to an announcement made by Bertram I. Loeb, chairman of the United Zionist Council. The celebrations to mark the sixth anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel will encompass youth as well as adults and will also co-incide with the inauguration of the 1954 United Jewish Appeal. Further details will be announced shortly . . .

Rabbi Samuel Cass, Director of Hillel at McGill University was the guest speaker at the Annual Hillel Night sponsored by B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 on March 10 at the Jewish Community Centre. Over 40 local college students were present at the invitation of the Lodge. Honoured guests included Very Rev. R. Normandin, Rector of the University of Ottawa, Dr. M. S. Macphail, Acting Dean of Carleton College and Dr. G. Buxton, Department of History Head at the University of Ottawa. Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein was chairman of the program. During the evening framed certificates were presented to Hyman J. Harris, Alex Betcherman, Edward Gittleston, Lawrence Slover, Peter R. Robitaille and Jacob H. Feiner in recognition of their devoted service to the B'nai B'rith Camp . . .

The Ottawa Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will hold its Tenth Birthday Celebration on Saturday evening, March 20 at 7:30 o'clock in the Agudath Israel Auditorium. A buffet dinner will be served while dancing and a special TV show in which Council members will take part will highlight the evening. . .

Everyone is invited to attend a B'nai B'rith Women's Tea to be held Wednesday afternoon, March 24 at the home of Mrs. Irving Lithwick, 357 Somerset St. East. The Tea which is under the patronage of Mrs. Michael S. Comay is in aid of the B'nai B'rith Children's Home in Israel . . .

Plan to attend the outstanding Variety Show to be presented by the Bertha Slonemsky Chapter of Hadassah on Saturday evening, April 3. Tickets are \$1.50 each and can be purchased from any member of the Chapter . . .

The Labour Zionist Council's Jewish Telephone Directory Committee wishes to remind householders who have received the latest issue but have not yet sent in their contributions to do so as soon as possible. The remittances which are urgently needed for a worthy cause in Israel should be sent to the Histadrut Centre, 292 Laurier Ave. East . . .

A Cookery Sale sponsored by the Ottawa Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will take place on Friday, March 26, from 9:30 to 5:00 o'clock at 287 Bank Street . . .

The Pauline Bilsky Chapter of Hadassah has undertaken a year-round "apron project." Anyone interested in buying an apron is urged to contact Mrs. A. M. Sinclair, 425 Hinton Ave., PA 2-6224 or any member of the Chapter . . .

Mrs. H. A. Prager is chairman and Mrs. S. L. Gertsman, Mrs. H. Rosenthal and Mrs. E. Schactel are members of the B'nai B'rith Women's Committee which will be distributing Purim Gift Packages to Jewish patients in the local hospitals . . .

Passover candy from Israel and leather bound Hagaddahs are being sold by the Pioneer Women's Organization. Orders may be placed with Mrs. P. Addelman, 3-8098, Mrs. H. Copland, 3-4524, Mrs. H. Mayberger, 5-5382 and Mrs. L. Schecter, 4-9369 . . .

The Sinai Chapter of Hadassah is selling Passover chocolates in pound and half-pound sizes. Mrs. I. B. Rose at 8-5320, Mrs. B. Krugel at 2-6606 or Mrs. L. Goldstein at 6-5866 will be happy to take your order . . .

Friends of the Pioneer Women's Organization are invited to attend a Bingo to be held Monday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m., in the Little Theatre . . .

Year-round pareve as well as Passover chocolates produced under the supervision of the Montreal Vaad Hara-bonim may be obtained by calling Mrs. S. Sabel at 4-6274 . . .

For the benefit of those who wish to listen to classical music, the Centre's Music Room is open every Tuesday and Thursday night with a monitor in attendance . . .

## DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN HISTADRUT TO ADDRESS RALLY



ISAAC HAMLIN

Isaac Hamlin, director for Histadrut on the North American continent, will address a closing rally of the Ottawa Histadrut Campaign on Wednesday, March 17 at 8:30 p.m. at the Histadrut Centre.

All contributors to the Histadrut Campaign are cordially invited to attend this special celebration to pay tribute to an outstanding leader, and also to honour campaign canvassers.

Mr. Hamlin has just returned from Israel after attending important sessions with Israel Government leaders. No one is better qualified to give an inside factual picture of present-day affairs in Israel.

Come and bring your friends. No admission fee and no soliciting of funds.

## Ottawa Council of Hadassah

### ANNUAL DONOR DINNER

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 7, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK

*Main Auditorium, Jewish Community Centre*

Guest Speaker:

**RT. HON. JAMES G. GARDINER**

*Minister of Agriculture*

MUSICAL COMEDY DIRECTED BY MRS. R. HEILINGHER

*Miss Zelda Popkin, newly-appointed Executive Director of Canadian Hadassah will be present*



**CRADLE ROLL**

Baby son Benjamin (Boruch) born February 19, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appelbaum (nee Reva Bodovsky).

Baby son John Mark (Yechiel Meyer) born February 24, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Diener (nee Reba Luterma).

Baby daughter Lisa Diane born December 18, 1953 in Portland, Oregon to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Goodman (nee Stella Kahan).

Baby son Steven Leikin (Shmaryahu) born February 28, 1954 in Montreal, Quebec to Mr. and Mrs. William Kesler (nee Ethel Leikin).

Baby son Michael Lawrence (Itzek Leib) born February 17, 1954 in Toronto, Ontario to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kotzer (nee Betty Baker).

Baby son Allan Jeffrey (Avrum Yosef) born February 22, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kufsky (nee Ida Diamant).

Baby daughter Lorie Ann (Feiga Laya) born February 21, 1954 to Squadron Leader and Mrs. Nathan Levitin (nee Miriam Feinstein).

Baby son Michael David (Moshe Dovid) born February 8, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus Newman (nee Emily Steinberg).

Baby daughter Pamela (Mindel) born March 3, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sandler (nee Eleanor Stern).

Baby son Lorne Leib (Lazer Leib) born February 6, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wolfe (nee Zelda Roody).

**MARRIAGES**

Congratulations are extended to:

Dr. and Mrs. George J. Halpern (nee Clara Goldstein) who were married February 14, 1954 at Congregation B'nai Jacob.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Friedman (nee Esta Fryfield) who were married February 28, 1954 in Montreal, Quebec.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Congratulations are extended on the engagements of:

Malca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker to Don Lebell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lebell of Los Angeles, California.

Dorothy, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bennett English to Dr. Aaron Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer of Saskatoon, Sask.

Connie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Monson to Dr. Norman Kussner, son of Mrs. J. Kussner and the late Mr. Kussner of Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ross of Montreal to Reuben Fine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fine.

**GRADE II PUPILS MARK BEGINNING OF TORAH STUDY**

Pictured above are Grade II pupils of the Day School gathered at the Jewish Community Centre on the occasion of the Hatchalat Chumash Celebration (Commencement of the Study of the Bible) on March 7. Talmud Torah Grade II students participated in similar ceremonies on February 28.

In observance of  
**WORLD JEWISH CHILD'S DAY**

**Hadassah, Mizrahi and Pioneer Women's Organizations**

in co-operation with the  
**Jewish Community Centre**

present a

**Purim Carnival**

For children 6 through 14 years of age

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, AT 2:30 P.M.**

*Main Auditorium, Jewish Community Centre*

*Booths  
Purim Skits*

*Prizes  
Refreshments*

**CAMP B'NAI B'RITH OF OTTAWA**

announces that

**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

for boys and girls 8 to 14 years of age

**JULY 4 — AUGUST 15**

For further particulars contact Stan Katz, 288 Byron, PA 2-5427

*Accommodation is limited — So register early!*

**BAR-MITZVAH**

Congratulations are extended to:

Larry (Zvi Aryeh), son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Schnider, whose Bar-Mitzvah was celebrated on Saturday morning, February 13, 1954 at Congregation Agudath Achim.

**SADNESS**

The community extends its condolences to the family of the late  
**Melech Shoihet**

May his memory be a blessing.  
May the Almighty comfort his loved ones.